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In re application of : September 8, 2003 *#77Amend A*
Eric P. Solecky et al. : Examiner: Tung S. Lau
Serial No. : 09/996,399 :
Filed: November 29, 2001 : IBM Corporation
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR : Dept. 18G/Bldg. 300-482
CHARACTERIZING FEATURES AT : 2070 Route 52
SMALL DIMENSIONS : Hopewell Junction, NY
12533-6531 *9/23/03*

Amendment

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The following amendment is submitted in response to the official action dated May 8, 2003.

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